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Police arrest suspected killer of Sagamu hunter, two others for housebreaking

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*Suspect*

A 20-year-old suspect, Faisal Audu, has been apprehended by operatives of the Ogun State Police Command for the gruesome murder of a hunter, Saheed Awolesi, at the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) pipeline in Ibekpa, Sagamu, Ogun State.

Audu was apprehended at Ibafo in the Obafemi-Owode Local Government Area with a Bajaj motorcycle (registered KNN 555 QC), a cutlass, a jackknife, and a Tecno phone suspected to have been stolen.

The command spokesperson, SP Omolola Odutola, said in a statement yesterday that on October 6, at about 2:30 p.m., Adetutu Awolesi, a resident of Ifelaju Agbele, Sagamu, accompanied by Chief Tajudeen Adetayo, the chairman of the Hunters Association, Sagamu Chapter, reported to the police station that her husband, Saheed, had not returned from night hunting since he left home at about 7:00 p.m. on October 5. Despite efforts to locate him, he remained missing throughout the night.

“Following this report, a call was made to the victim’s phone, which a detective at Ibafo Police Station answered,” Odutola said. “The detective informed us that a 20-year-old suspect, Faisal Audu, had been apprehended with a Bajaj motorcycle (registered KNN 555 QC), a cutlass, a jackknife, and a Tecno phone suspected to have been stolen.

“A team of detectives led by ASP Momoh Stephen immediately conducted an investigation at Ibafo Division, where the suspect was handed over and re-arrested.

“During interrogation, Audu confessed to murdering Saheed and stealing his Bajaj motorcycle and Tecno phone. The crime scene is located along the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) pipeline in Ibekpa, Sagamu.

“Marks of violence were found on the deceased’s body; photographs were taken, and the corpse was removed and placed in the Live-Well Hospital mortuary in Sagamu for a post-mortem examination.

“Efforts are ongoing to capture any additional suspects who fled the scene, and the case will soon be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Abeokuta, for a thorough investigation.”

In another incident, police detectives from the Owode Egba area arrested Adeogun Tobi, 30, and Gbenga Adeoye, 42, for housebreaking and theft.

They were arrested following a complaint reported at the Owode Egba Police Division at about 10:00 a.m. on October 4.

The complainants, Babatunde Abayomi, Ajani Odunmuyiwa, and Kasimawo Adebashin, from the Araromi area of Owode Egba, reported that upon returning home at about 6:00 p.m. the previous day, they found that their houses had been broken into.

According to the complainants, various belongings were missing.

“While searching their neighbourhood for the stolen goods, Adeogun Tobi and Gbenga Adeoye were identified as suspects and arrested by detectives from Owode Egba,” Odutola said.

“Many stolen items, including two power banks, an iPhone, assorted clothing, slippers, student bags, and beverages, were recovered from the suspects.”

The crime scene was investigated, photographs were taken, and the suspects were being interrogated. They will be charged in court following the preliminary police investigation.”

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